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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement that was reached in November. I am a believer of free enterprise and would like to see the government allow Microsoft to prosper due to hard work. I support the settlement and am anxious to see this dispute resolved.

Microsoft has gone from a fledgling company to a giant enterprise through talent and hard work. This combination can only benefit the economy and consumers. This settlement will benefit the technology industry by granting more rights to computer makers to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete wit programs included within Windows. Microsoft has also agreed to disclose more information with other companies about certain internal interfaces in Windows.

This settlement will benefit everyone. Ending this litigation will benefit everyone. Please do your part.

Sincerely,  
Arlene Harrison